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SUBJECT: REACTION TO MEXICO CITY MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS

REF: A. STATE 041187; B. CARACAS 1843

1. THE TWO AD MEMBERS OF THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION TO MEXICO MFM WERE DEPUTIES JAIME LUSINCHI AND LUIS ESTEBAN REY. FORMER HAS TOLD POL COUNSELOR THAT HE THOUGHT MEETING WAS A "POSITIVE" ACCOMPLISHMENT AND AUGURED A NEW ERA IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA.

2. LUIS ESTEBAN REY DEVOTED HIS MARCH 1 COLUMN IN CARACAS DAILY EL UNIVERSAL TO A DISCUSSION OF THE MEETING, WHICH HE SAID "SEEMED TO HAVE OPENED AN EFFECTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE U.S. A AND LATIN AMERICA FOR A GRADUAL SOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES AND THE ELIMINATION OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND FRICTIONS." WE REGARD REY'S MARCH 1 COLUMN AS ONE OF THE MOST POSITIVE HE HAS WRITTEN IN RECENT YEARS CONCERNING U.S. RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA.

3. EXTENSIVE QUOTATIONS FROM REY COLUMN ARE QUOTED IN EMBASSY'S CURRENT REACTION CABLE OF MARCH 1.

4. WE BELIEVE FAVORABLE REACTION OF LUSINCHI AND REY TO MEXICO CONFERENCE CANNOT HELP BUT IMPACT FAVORABLY UPON PRESIDENT-ELECT
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PEREZ, WHO HAD EARLIER BEEN QUOTED IN PRESS AS STATING THAT THE

MEXICO MEETING WAS A "SERIOUS ATTEMPT BY THE U.S. TO REESTABLISH
RELATIONS ACCEPTABLE TO THE INTERESTS OF LATIN AMERICA."

5. FURTHER REACTION WILL BE REPORTED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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